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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003, be extended for a period of one (1) month from March 11, 2003, up to and including April 11, 2003.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$110.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 8907-087-999). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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